

FORM B - BUILDING

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Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) East Lexington

Address 35 Brandon Street

Historic Name Emile & Dorothy Vadeboncoeur House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1927

Source Lexington Valuation Lists, Sanborn maps

Style/Form Bungalow

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation not visible

Wall/Trim brick/vinyl

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) date? - side addition;

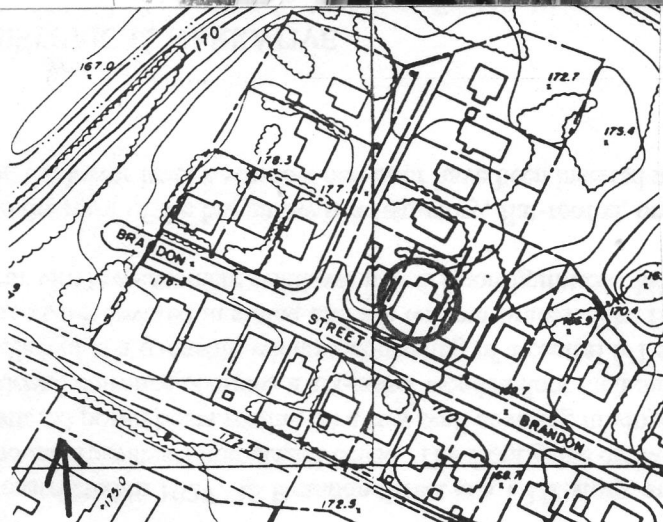
1982 - damaged by fire, repaired and vinyl siding installed

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 5,000 SF

Setting 20th century residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM (35 Brandon Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Constructed in 1927, 35 Brandon Street is a 1 1/2-story, side-gabled brick Bungalow. The brick is laid in a Flemish bond and incorporates some glazed brick. The front gable extends to enclose an integral, full-width front porch supported by battered porch posts resting on a low wall covering in vinyl siding (obscuring the original wide or novelty siding). The sidehall entrance contains a six-panel wooden door including two upper lights. The entrance is flanked by sidelights. Adjacent is a tripartite window consisting of a central 6/1 sash flanked by narrow 6/1 on either side. The overhanging eaves have been covered in siding and are without braces. The front shed dormer has been sheathed in vinyl siding and displays four vinyl replacement windows in a 6/1 configuration. Windows on the side elevations are capped by flat arch brick lintels.

To the right of the bungalow is a two-story, flat-roofed, brick addition. A single 6/6 window is centered on the upper level. On the lower level a window and door have been inserted in the former garage opening.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was constructed in 1927 shortly after Brandon Street was laid out in close proximity to the Boston & Maine Railroad tracks and the East Lexington train station. The house appears on the 1927 Sanborn map which indicates it was drawn "from plans". The earliest reference for the property found on the Lexington Valuation List indicates that in 1933 Dorothy Vadeboncoeur was assessed for a house worth \$5000 at 18 Brandon Street, constructed on lots 110 and 111 of the ELA (East Lexington Associates) subdivision. The acreage of the property, then, like today, was 5000 square feet. Directories indicate that Emile Vadeboncoeur was employed as a printer. The property was sold by Dorothy Vadeboncoeur in 1963. The house was owned by Francis and Jean Churchill from 1964 to 1995. The house was gutted by fire in 1982.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.
Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1927, 1935.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*